different mammals, the author undertook a series of researches upon the point in adults, in new-born infants, and in animals (apes and dogs). The observations hitherto made do not permit him to draw formal conclusions concerning the relationships of the nucleus of the funiculus teres to the nuclei of the ninth, tenth, and eighth nerves, and to the superficial internal arciform fibres, to the striæ acousticæ, and the funiculi teretes of the rhomboidal fossa. They, however, show with sufficient clearness the independence of the nucleus of the funiculus teres from the nuclei of the sixth and twelfth nerves. From the same observations it follows that the distal portion of the nucleus of the funiculus teres, whilst it is found to be completely developed in the adult, is not met with in the new-born, in apes, and in dogs; from which it is to be gathered that this nucleus, morphologically, should be regarded as consisting of two portions, of which the proximal, ontogenetically and philogenetically, has a higher significance than the distal.

PART IV.—NOTES AND NEWS.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL MEETING.

A General Meeting of the Association was held in the Pathological Laboratory, New Museums, Cambridge, on Thursday, February 20th, Dr. David Nicolson, President, in the chair.

Dr. Fletcher Beach, Honorary General Secretary, read the minutes of the last General Meeting, and they were confirmed.

The following gentlemen were elected as members of the Association:—Arthur Norman Boycott, M.D.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Cane Hill, Purley, Surrey; Matthew William Stuart Isacke, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, West Riding Asylum, Wadsley, Sheffield; John Maclaren, M.B., C.M.Edin, Assistant Medical Officer, West Riding Asylum, Wadsley, Sheffield; Charles Planck, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.A.Camb., Assistant Medical Officer, East Sussex County Asylum, Haywards Heath; Matthew Burrow Ray, M.B., C.M.Edin., Pathologist and Assistant Medical Officer, West Riding Asylum, Wadsley, Sheffield.

Dr. Rayner—I think we should not enter upon the business of the meeting without an expression of our feeling with regard to the promotion which has lately come to our President. (Applause.) I am sure that we not only rejoice in it because of our good feeling towards him, but because it is an honour to the Association, and we are all very glad indeed that it has happened during the time of his presidency of the Association. I am sure you will vote with acclamation our expression of congratulation to the President on his promotion. (Applause.)

The President—This unexpected expression of goodwill towards me is one that touches me very much. After a lengthened service I have been fortunate enough to land amidst more easy surroundings than I have had during the twenty-nine years in which I have been engaged on work such as the Association devotes itself to. No little part of my success was due to the great fortune I had to be President of this Association, because it was an indication that I was trusted by those with whom I had been associated for so many years. I cannot let this opportunity slip without saying that I believe the Association has in the past done

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good work, and that there is a great work in store for it in the future. I am sure that no words of mine will express to you the kindliness of feeling that I have had expressed to me by so many old friends and by so many members of the Association who have taken an active part with me in the work of the Association. I can only express my great gratitude to those who kindly offered me congratulations on the appointment which has fallen to my lot, and to say that in carrying out my work it will be my earnest endeavour to do so honestly and consistently, and with due consideration not only for those who are placed in the responsible position of looking after those unfortunate persons whose minds wandered from the normal standard, but also in the interests of those unfortunate persons themselves. If by any error of judgment I should seem to fail, it will simply be an error of judgment. I thank you once more for your kind words. (Applause.)

DR. LOCKHART ROBERTSON'S GIFT TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Before asking Dr. Rivers to address us, may I take the opportunity of saying that at the Council Meeting a letter was read from my predecessor in office, Dr. Lockhart Robertson, asking the Council to accept a number of books in reference to insanity and its treatment that he had collected during the course of a number of years. The books will be a valuable addition to our library, which will be of the greatest service to us all. Dr. Lockhart Robertson's example will be one for us all to follow when we have an opportunity of giving up our books for the use of those who are in more active work than perhaps we ourselves may be later on. I think I may ask the Association to corroborate the expression which is to be sent by the Council to Dr. Lockhart Robertson—an expression of our best thanks for his kind and generous gift. (Applause.)

Dr. BOURNVILLE FOX—May I ask whether the titles of the books will be published in the *Journal?*

The PRESIDENT—That will be a question for the Library Committee. That Committee is very much *en evidence* just now. They are going to have all the books catalogued, and members will then have an opportunity of giving what instructions may seem good to them.

PAPERS READ.

Dr. RIVERS then made a communication upon "Laboratory Observations on Mental Fatigue and Recovery." This, with the discussion, will appear in the next number of the *Journal.*

Dr. HYSLOP read a paper on "Pseudo-General Paralysis of the Insane." This is published at page 303 of this number of the *Journal,* but the discussion was adjourned till the next General Meeting, in the report of which the whole debate will appear.

Dr. FLETCHER BEACH read "Notes of a Case of Tumour of the Brain," which will be published in the next number of the *Journal,* together with the illustrations prepared by the author.

In closing the meeting, the PRESIDENT said that the members of the Association must feel grateful to the University authorities for having provided such excellent accommodation for the meeting, and for having welcomed them to Cambridge. He concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the Curator of the Museum for so kindly placing their rooms at the disposal of the Association. (Applause).

MEDICO-LEGAL CASES.

REPORTED BY DR. MERCIER.

[The Editors request that Members will oblige by sending full newspaper reports of all cases of interest as published by the local press at the time of the Assizes.]

Reg. v. Wright.—"*The Mansfield Murders.*"

Henry Wright, 35, labourer, was indicted for the murder of M. E. Reynolds, C. Reynolds, W. H. Reynolds, and Wm. Peck, at Mansfield, on August 11. The prisoner failed to plead to the indictment, and the Judge remarked that to his mind the prisoner at first sight presented symptoms of insanity, and his lordship further

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